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personnel, organization and
production of the Electro-Chemical Combine at Bitterfeld:

1. Russian general management:

Director General	-- Dr. Belyaev
Assistant Director General	-- Pomortsev
Commercial Director	-- Povarkov
Chief Engineer	-- Staroski (also listed as Starostin)
Social Department	-- Duck

2. German management:

Chief Director	-- Dr. Beck (SED)
Technical Director	-- Dr. Hornke (SED)
Commercial Director	-- Dr. Mahlow (SED)
Chief Engineer	-- Röske
Director of Personnel	-- Schuchardt (SED)
Power Station	-- Dr. Roggendorf
Research	-- Dr. Meyer (SED)

3. Trade Union Committee

This committee consists of Hammerschmidt, Wendt, Berndt, Hürthe (?), Ebert, Schwede, Tanzer, and Hobusch.

4. SED Works group

This works group has about 3,000 members. Members of the Committee are Lehmann, Schwede, Hammerschmidt, Köpfel, Kulowiak, Rostalski, and Bruno Schneider.

5. LDP works group

The membership in this group totals about 200 members. Michles, the head of this works group, tries to increase his influence through trade union and works council elections.

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6. CDU works group

This group has about 200 members. The head of the group, Engineer Gabel, is only a figurehead. Gabel's assistant, Grasl,

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7. Factory council

This council has been dissolved and can only be reconstituted by new elections.

8. Youth section

This section comprises about 800 youths, of which 300 are members of the FDJ. Although the two leaders, Hans Labenski and Rudolf Bernstein, are both members of the SED, they are critical of the administration and are politically moderate.

9. Labor

There is a labor force of 11,000, including 2,600 women. Only about 4,000 people live in Bitterfeld. There are 2,700 resettled persons working there. In addition, about 1500 men from some small firms and specialized firms are employed by the works in connection with a welfare program. Morale is low, and because of Russian and SED actions, these workers have no freedom of speech and are hostile to the authorities.

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11. Products of the Combine:

Caustic soda about 800 tons per month

" potash " 70 " " "

Graphite electrodes " 200 " " "

Synthetic gems unspecified amount

Siliron (a washing material) about 200 tons per month

Calcium -The output is kept secret. There are about 70 baths in use, with a probable output of 15-20 tons pure calcium distilled.

Calammon nitrate of potassium - about 800 tons per month. The amount of future increase depends on supplies received from the Leuna Works.

Igelit shoes about 35,000 pairs per month

Igelit boots about 3,000 " " "

Igelit material for tablecloths, overcoats, insulating, hoses, string - about 700 tons per month.

Oxalic acid

Hydrochloric acid

Igedur apparatus (cementing with synthetic resin and impregnation of granite)

Light metal objects, principally from scrap: Pots, lamp stands, beds, trailers for bicycles, tubes, combs, tobacco pipes, protectors for razor blades, buttons, nibs.

Permanganate, benzol chloride, carbon tetrachloride, carbon disulphide, trikysyl (?) phosphate, bichromate, magnetite electrodes, alum of chromium, chlorate, purest aluminum, iron paint.

Pesticides: Gesarol, Caratox, Perdikoflin.

Electrical power is also being supplied from the Works at Bitterfeld to a large number of factories in the Zone and in Berlin.

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